

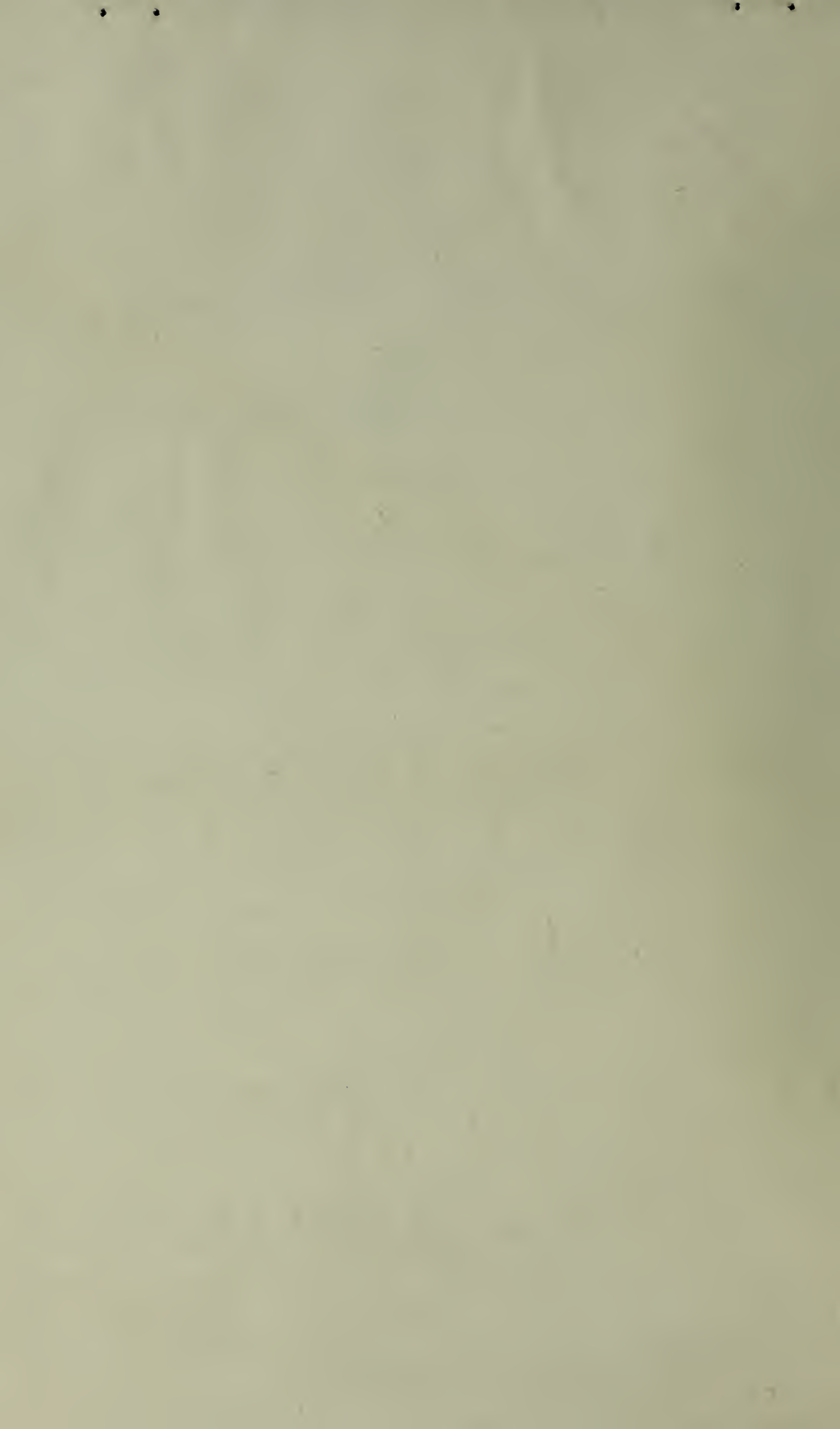
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BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY  
DURING THE YEAR 1943.

	Rate per 1,000 Total Population.		Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population.								Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	
	Live Births.	Still Births.	All Causes.	Typhoid and Para-typhoid Fevers.	Smallpox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years.)	Total Deaths under 1 year.
England and Wales ..	16.5	0.5	12.1	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.37	5.3	49
126 County Boroughs and great towns, including London ..	18.6	0.63	14.2	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.36	7.9	58
148 Smaller Towns (Estimated Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931). ..	19.4	0.61	12.7	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.37	4.4	46
London ..	15.8	0.45	15.0	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.27	10.4	58
Sheerness ..	20.2	0.39	14.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.31	7.6	57
Queenborough ..	27.2	0.37	11.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.0	41
Sheppey Rural District	22.2	0.57	10.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.0	51





VITAL STATISTICS.

QUEENBOROUGH, SHEERNESS and SHEPPEY RURAL, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943.

District.	Year.	Estimated Population.	Births.		Deaths.				
			Total.	Illegitimate and Rate per cent.	Birth-rate per 1,000 of population.	Total.	Death-rate per 1,000 of population.	Total. Infant deaths under 1 year. Illegitimate.	Infant Mortality per 1,000 births.
Queenborough	1940	2,836	51	0 or 0.0%	18.0	30	11.3	3	58.0
	1941	2,769	54	2 or 5.9%	18.0	32	10.6	0	00.0
	1942	2,731	62	3 or 4.8%	22.7	21	7.7	2	32.3
	1943	2,684	73	3 or 4.1%	27.2	30	11.2	3	41.1
Sheerness	1940	13,050	202	15 or 7.4%	15.5	193	14.3	11	59.0
	1941	12,600	245	21 or 16.7%	19.3	173	13.3	12	48.0
	1942	13,060	243	14 or 5.8%	18.6	168	12.9	7	28.8
	1943	12,940	262	17 or 6.5%	20.2	189	14.6	15	57.3
Sheppey Rural District	1940	7,051	132	8 or 6.6%	18.7	75	10.4	8	53.0
	1941	6,722	146	10 or 6.8%	20.8	73	10.4	5	20.9
	1942	6,969	158	12 or 7.6%	22.6	74	10.6	8	50.6
	1943	7,022	156	10 or 6.4%	22.2	76	10.8	8	51.3



INFECTIOUS DISEASES. CASE RATE.

Case Rate per 1,000 lives.																	
	Queenborough.				Sheerness.				Sheppey Rural.				England & Wales.				
	1940	1941	1942	1943	1940	1941	1942	1943	1940	1941	1942	1943	1940	1941	1942	1943	
Smallpox ..	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Scarlet Fever	1.76	1.67	9.52	10.05	0.46	1.00	5.28	2.47	1.56	3.14	5.17	1.42	1.63	1.47	2.19	3.01	
Diphtheria ..	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.61	0.38	0.84	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	1.16	1.25	1.05	0.88	
Enteric Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.03	0.01	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.48	12.61	-	
Erysipelas ..	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.57	0.00	0.29	0.43	0.33	0.30	0.30	0.31	





STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE SHEERNESS URBAN  
DISTRICT.

Area (acres) .. .. .	961
Population estimated for 1943 by Registrar-General ..	12,940
Number of inhabited houses, 1943. .. .. .	4,500
Rateable Value .. .. .	£103,742
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	£430

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births -	Total.	Male.	Female.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ..	20.2
Legitimate	245	104	141		
Illegitimate	17	8	9		
Total	262	112	150		

Still Births -	5	4	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. ..	18.7
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Deaths -	189	99	90	Corrected death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ..	14.6
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Deaths from Puerperal Causes	0			Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. ..	0.0
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Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births .. .. .	57.3
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ..	61.2
Deaths from Measles (all ages) .. .. .	0.0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .. .. .	0.0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age) .. ..	2.0



# VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1943.

Compared with 1942, 1941, 1940, 1939.

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Death Rate per 1,000 of population	12.1	14.3	13.3	12.9	14.6
Infant Mortality per 1,000 births	71.0	59.0	48.0	28.8	57.3
Birth Rate per 1,000 of population	11.9	15.5	19.3	18.6	20.2
Total Infectious Diseases, excluding Measles and Consumption	39	35	74	105	66
Cases of Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Cases of Enteric Fever	0	1	1	1	0
Cases of Diphtheria	16	8	5	11	2
Cases of Scarlet Fever	8	6	13	69	52
Cases of Tuberculosis notified, all forms	12	14	5	8	8
Deaths from Tuberculosis	4	7	7	9	8
Cases of Malaria	0	1	0	0	0





GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Local  
Authority.

Medical Officer of Health, Ante-Natal Clinic Officer, Infant Welfare Officer.	-	H. S. Griffith, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. D.P.H. (Part-time.)
Sanitary Inspector.	-	W. J. Terrill, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., and Meat & Food Certificate.
Health Visitor and Infant Welfare Superintendent.	-	Miss F. G. Jones, S.R.N., S.C.M.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT.

Miss Jones has kindly supplied me with the following figures:-

Number of births notified:

Live births	-	262.	Still births	-	5.	Total	-	267.
By Midwives	-	189.	By Doctors and Parents	-	78.			

Number of visits paid by the Health Visitor:-

To expectant mothers:

First visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89
Total visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	104

To children under one year of age:

First visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	245
Total visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,187

To children between the ages of one and five years:

Total visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,345
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FOODS ISSUED FREE.

Lactagol	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 pkts.
Marmite	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13 cartons.
Virol	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 carton.

ATTENDANCES AT WELFARE.

By children under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	5,468
By children between 1 and 5 years	..	..	..	..	..	2,082

Total number of children attending for the first time:

Under 1 year of age	..	..	..	..	..	198
Between 1 and 5 years	..	..	..	..	..	17

Total number of children who were in attendance at the end of the year:

Under 1 year of age	..	..	..	..	..	164
Between 1 and 5 years	..	..	..	..	..	376





### ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

An Ante-Natal Clinic is provided by the Council and the sessions are held at the Welfare Centre on every second Thursday in the month.

Total number of attendances by expectant mothers ..	265
Total number of expectant mothers .. .. .	159

### INFANT LIFE PROTECTION.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. (Sections 206-220.)

Homes for Foster-Children are registered by the Sheerness Urban District and are visited and supervised by the Health Visitor.

There are no Foster-Children on the Register.

### MATERNAL MORTALITY.

No cases of Maternal Mortality occurred during the year.

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

<u>At Infant Welfare Centre.</u>	<u>1st. Injection.</u>	<u>2nd. Injection</u>
Under 5 years .. .. .	205	189
Over 5 years .. .. .	41	63
Total number of injections .. .. .	498.	

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following returns are obtained from the report given to me under the Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926:-

Number of visits of all kinds made by the Inspector	789
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Notices served:

Statutory .. .. .	0
Informal .. .. .	25

### NUISANCES FOUND OR REPORTED DURING THE YEAR.

Overcrowding .. .. .	0
Keeping of Animals .. .. .	2
<u>Sanitary Accommodation:-</u>	
Defective .. .. .	3
Insufficient .. .. .	0
<u>Drainage:-</u>	
Repaired .. .. .	2
Cleansed .. .. .	11
Offensive Accumulations .. .. .	5
Refuse Receptacles .. .. .	7
Dampness .. .. .	5
Roofs and Rain Water Pipes .. .. .	5
Floors .. .. .	23
Walls and Ceilings .. .. .	2
Miscellaneous .. .. .	0



PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY  
BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

	No. in Dis- trict.	No. of visits in 1943.	No. of faults & defects found.	No. of faults & defects remedied.
Bakehouses .. ..	5	12	0	0
Dairies. } Producers.	0	0	0	0
} Retailers.	3	18	1	1
Slaughter houses } Registered.	Not in use.			
} Licenced.				
Other food-preparing places which are, as such, subject to inspection.	30	407	0	0
Offensive Trades ..	0	0	0	0
Common lodging houses	0	0	0	0
Houses-let-in lodgings	0	0	0	0
Factories .. ..	8	10	0	0
Workshops .. ..	21			
Workplaces (other than outworkers' homes.)	5			

UN SOUND FOOD.

Approximately 94 cwts. of food has been condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.  
AND FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Samples under the above Acts have been taken by the Inspector of Weights and Measures, Mr. W. R. Breed, to whom I am indebted for the following returns.

A total of 69 samples were taken in 1943.

Baking Powder	1	Lard	2
Butter	4	Margarine	3
Cocoa	2	New Milk	19
Coffee	6	Condensed Milk	4
Flour	1	Mustard	3
Dried Fruit	1	Rice	1
Ground Ginger	1	Tea	1
Vinegar	1	Health Salts	1







Food and Drugs Acts continued.

Tincture Iodine	3	Cascara Sagrada	1
Fish Paste	2	Iodised Throat Tablets	1
Egg Substitute	1	Back and Kidney Pills	1
Asprin Tablets	3	Bile Ovals	1
Stomach Tablets	1	Bis. Magnesia	1
Lemon Substitute	1	Tanic Acid Balm	1
Substitute Custard Powder		1	



# CAUSES OF AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1943.

Causes of Death.	Net deaths at the subjoined ages of 'Residents' whether occurring within or without the District.									
	MALES.					FEMALES.				
	At all ages.	Under 5 yrs.	5-15 years.	15-45 years.	45 & upwards.	At all ages.	Under 5 yrs.	5-15 years.	15-45 years.	45 & upwards.
1. Typhoid & parat: fevers .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Cerebro-spinal fever .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Scarlet Fever .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Whooping Cough .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Diphtheria .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System ....	4	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	1	1
7. Other tuberculosis diseases .....	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
8. Syphilitic diseases .....	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
9. Influenza .....	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1
10. Measles .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Ac. polio-myel: and polio-enceph. ....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Ac. Inf. encephalitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Cancer of b: cav: & oesoph (M) uterus (F) ..	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
14. Cancer of stomach & duodenum ....	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3
15. Cancer of breasts .....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
16. Cancer of all other sites .....	18	0	0	0	18	3	0	0	1	2
17. Diabetes .....	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
18. Inter-cranial vascular lesions ..	10	0	0	0	10	13	0	0	1	12
19. Heart disease .....	21	0	1	1	19	25	0	0	2	23
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Bronchitis .....	5	0	0	0	5	8	0	0	0	8
22. Pneumonia .....	8	3	0	1	4	5	2	0	0	3
23. Other respiratory diseases .....	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
24. Ulcer of stomach & duodenum ....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years) .....	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
26. Appendicitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
27. Other digestive diseases .....	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
28. Nephritis .....	3	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	2	5
29. Puerperal & post-abortive sepsis. ....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30. Other maternal causes .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31. Premature birth .....	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
32. Con.mal. Birth injury, infant.dis. ....	5	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
33. Suicide .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34. Road Traffic accidents .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35. Other violent causes .....	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1
36. All other causes .....	4	0	0	0	4	10	0	0	0	10
All causes ...	99	9	1	6	83	90	7	0	8	75





INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR  
1943.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Notified.			Number Removed to Hospital.	Total Deaths Registered.
	Total.	Males.	Females.		
Smallpox .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria .. .. .	2	1	1	2	0
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	32	16	16	24	0
Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid) .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Malaria .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas .. .. .	4	1	3	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Pncumonia .. .. .	27	14	13	0	1
Meningococcal Meningitis .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Measles .. .. .	319	172	147	0	0
Whooping Cough .. .. .	1	0	1	0	0
Totals .. .. .	385	204	181	26	1

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.  
1943.

Disease.	At ages - years.												
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1-2 years.	2-3 years.	3-4 years.	4-5 years.	5-10 years.	10-15 years.	15-20 years.	20-35 years.	35-45 years.	45-65 years.	65 & upwards.
Smallpox .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria .. .. .	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	32	1	2	4	2	3	12	6	1	1	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid) .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malaria .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas .. .. .	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia .. .. .	27	1	1	1	0	0	6	1	2	1	1	6	7
Meningococcal Meningitis .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles .. .. .	319	8	24	35	37	40	164	8	3	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough .. .. .	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals .. .. .	385	10	27	40	40	44	182	16	6	2	2	9	7





PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

No action has been taken under Section 66 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Cases Notified	Cases Treated.		Vision Unimpaired.	Vision Impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths.
	At Home.	In Hospital.				
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis, Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary.

Age.				New Cases.				Deaths.			
				Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	..	..		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	..	..		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 15 years	..	..		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25 years	..	..		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35 years	..	..		-	4	-	-	-	2	1	-
35 to 45 years	..	..		1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 to 55 years	..	..		2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
55 to 65 years	..	..		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
65 and upwards	..	..		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	..	..		3	5	-	-	4	2	1	1

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Localisation of disease:- Nil.



STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH  
OF QUEENBOROUGH.

Area	Land .. .. .	725 acres	
	Water .. .. .	263 acres	1,441 acres
	Foreshore .. .. .	453 acres	
Population estimated for 1943 by Registrar-General ..			
Number of inhabited houses in 1943 .. .. .			
Ratcable Value .. .. .			
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .			
			2,684
			795
			£15,728
			£63 4s. 6d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births -	Total.	Male.	Female.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ..	27.2
Legitimate	70	38	32		
Illegitimate	3	1	2		
Total	73	39	34		
Still Births -	1	0	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. ..	13.5
Deaths -	30	15	15	Corrected death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ..	11.2
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	0			Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. ..	0.0
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-					
All infants per 1,000 live births .. .. .					41.1
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births					0.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births					42.9
Deaths from Measles (all ages) .. .. .					0.0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .. .. .					0.0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age) .. .. .					0.0





# VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1943.

Compared with 1942, 1941, 1940, 1939.

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Death Rate per 1,000 of population .. .. .	12.1	11.3	10.6	7.7	11.2
Infant Mortality per 1,000 births .. .. .	15.9	58.0	0.0	32.3	41.1
Birth Rate per 1,000 of population .. .. .	21.1	18.0	18.0	22.7	27.2
Total Infectious Diseases, excluding Measles and Con- sumption .. .. .	7	5	56	30	32
Cases of Smallpox .. .. .	0	0	0	7	0
Cases of Enteric Fever .. .. .	0	0	0	7	0
Cases of Diphtheria .. .. .	0	0	0	7	0
Cases of Scarlet Fever .. .. .	6	5	5	26	27
Cases of Tuberculosis notified, all forms .. .. .	2	2	2	3	6
Deaths from Tuberculosis .. .. .	2	1	2	1	3
Cases of Malaria .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0



# PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.	-	H. S. Griffith, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H. (Part-time.)
Sanitary Inspector.	-	H. Small, M.I.Mun. & Cy.E., M.R.S.I.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

<u>At Infant Welfare Centre, Sheerness.</u>				<u>1st. Injection.</u>	<u>2nd. Injection.</u>
Under 5 years	..	..	..	0	0
Over 5 years	..	..	..	1	3
Total number of injections	..	..	..	..	4.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following returns are obtained from the report given to me under the Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926:-

Number of visits of all kinds made by the Inspector 70

Notices served:

Statutory	..	..	..	..	1
Informal	..	..	..	..	147

## NUISANCES FOUND OR REPORTED DURING THE YEAR.

Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Keeping of Animals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
<u>Sanitary Accommodation:-</u>									
Defective	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Insufficient	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
<u>Drainage:-</u>									
Repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Regularly flushed.
Refuse Receptacles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Smoke nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Floors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dampness	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

## PREMISES OR OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY EYE-LAWS OR REGULATIONS.

	No. in Dis- trict.	No. of visits in 1943.	No. of faults & defects found.	No. of faults & defects remedied.
Dairies. } Producers.	0	0	0	0
	5	0	0	0
Offensive Trades ..	1	16	0	0
Factories .. ..	4	6	0	0
Workshops .. ..	1	6	0	0





UNSAFE FOOD.

Approximately 148 lbs. of food has been condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928

AND FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

I am indebted to Mr. W. R. Breed, County Inspector of Weights and Measures, for the following particulars of samples taken during the year.

A total of 31 samples were taken in 1943.

Butter	4	Margarine	4
Lard	4	New Milk	19

Proceedings were instituted against a producer-retailer in respect of sample of New Milk purchased in Queenborough which was found on analysis to be 10% deficient in fat: (the trader had previously been cautioned for a similar offence). Fined £1. with £1 1s. 0d. costs.



# CAUSES OF AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1943.

Causes of Death.	Net deaths at the subjoined ages of 'Residents' whether occurring within or without the District.									
	MALES.					FEMALES.				
	At all ages.	Under 5 yrs.	5-15 years.	15-45 years.	45 & upwards.	At all ages.	Under 5 yrs.	5-15 years.	15-45 years.	45 & upwards.
1. Typhoid & parat: fevers .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Cerebro-spinal fever .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Scarlet Fever .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Whooping Cough .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Diphtheria .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System ....	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1
7. Other Tuberculosis diseases .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Syphilitic Diseases .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. Influenza .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10. Measles .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Ac. polio-myel: & polio-enceph ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Ac. Inf. encephalitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Cancer of b: cav: & oesoph (M) uterus (F) ..	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
14. Cancer of stomach & duodenum ....	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
15. Cancer of breasts .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Cancer of all other sites .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
17. Diabetes .....	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
18. Inter-cranial vascular lesions ..	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3
19. Heart Disease .....	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Bronchitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22. Pneumonia .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23. Other respiratory diseases .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
24. Ulcer of stomach & duodenum .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years) .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Appendicitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27. Other Digestive diseases .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
28. Nephritis .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
29. Puerperal & post-abortion sepsis.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30. Other maternal causes .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31. Premature Birth .....	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
32. Con.mal. Birth injury, infant.dis.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33. Suicide .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34. Road Traffic Accidents .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35. Other violent causes .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36. All other causes .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
All causes ...	15	2	0	1	12	15	1	0	1	13





INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR  
1943.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Notified.			Number Removed to Hospital.	Total Deaths Registered.
	Total.	Males.	Females.		
Smallpox .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	27	12	15	26	0
Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid) ..	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery .. .. .	2	1	1	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Malaria .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	1	1	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia .. .. .	1	0	1	0	0
Meningococcal Meningitis .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Measles .. .. .	131	63	68	0	0
Whooping Cough .. .. .	2	1	1	0	0
Totals .. .. .	164	78	86	26	0

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.  
1943.

Disease.	At ages - years.												
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1-2 years.	2-3 years.	3-4 years.	4-5 years.	5-10 years.	10-15 years.	15-20 years.	20-35 years.	35-45 years.	45-65 years.	65 & upwards.
Smallpox .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	27	1	0	5	4	2	13	1	0	1	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid) ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery .. .. .	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malaria .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia .. .. .	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal Meningitis .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles .. .. .	131	3	5	16	10	17	69	6	2	2	1	0	0
Whooping Cough .. .. .	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals .. .. .	164	5	5	21	15	19	84	7	2	3	2	1	0



PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

No action has been taken under Section 66 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Cases Notified	Cases Treated.		Vision Unimpaired.	Vision Impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths.
	At Home	In Hospital.				
1	1	-	1	-	-	-

Tuberculosis, Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary.

Age.			New Cases.				Deaths.			
			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 15 years	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25 years	..	..	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35 years	..	..	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
35 to 45 years	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 to 55 years	..	..	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
55 to 65 years	..	...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	4	2	-	-	1	2	-	-

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Localisation of disease:- Nil.





STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE SHEPPEY

RURAL DISTRICT.

Area (acres) .. .. .	19,949
Population estimated for 1943 by Registrar-General ..	7,022
Number of inhabited houses, 1943 .. .. .	2,798
Rateable Value .. .. .	£51,735
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	£200

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births -	Total.	Males.	Female.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ..	
Legitimate	146	76	70		22.2
Illegitimate	10	6	4		
Total	156	82	74		

Still Births -	4	3	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. ..	25.0
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Deaths -	76	40	36	Corrected death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ..	10.8
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Deaths from Puerperal Causes	1			Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. ..	6.3
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Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births .. .. .	51.3
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	200.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	41.1
Deaths from Measles (all ages) .. .. .	0.0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .. .. .	0.0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age) .. ..	0.0



# VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1943.

Compared with 1942, 1941, 1940, 1939.

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Death Rate per 1,000 of population	8.0	10.4	10.4	10.6	10.8
Infant Mortality per 1,000 births	14.6	53.0	21.0	50.6	51.3
Birth Rate per 1,000 of population	14.9	18.7	20.8	22.6	22.2
Total Infectious Diseases, excluding Measles and Con- sumption	43	27	91	59	32
Cases of Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Cases of Enteric Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Cases of Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	1
Cases of Scarlet Fever	28	11	22	33	10
Cases of Tuberculosis notified, all forms	7	2	6	2	5
Deaths from Tuberculosis	4	4	3	2	4
Cases of Malaria	0	0	0	0	1





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## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

At Infant Welfare Centre, Sheerness. 1st. Injection. 2nd. Injection.

Under 5 years .. .. .	49	52
Over 5 years .. .. .	11	17
Schools .. .. .	25	60
Total number of injections .. .. .	214.	

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following returns are obtained from the report given to me under the Sanitary Officers' Order, 1920:-

Number of visits of all kinds made by the Inspector 439

Notices served:

Statutory .. .. .	0
Informal .. .. .	24

## NUISANCES FOUND OR REPORTED DURING THE YEAR.

Keeping of Animals .. .. .	5
<u>Sanitary Accommodation:-</u>	
Defective .. .. .	2
<u>Drainage:-</u>	
Cleansed .. .. .	106
Offensive Accumulations .. .. .	2
Refuse Receptacles .. .. .	2
<u>Cesspools:-</u>	
Abolished .. .. .	17
Baths, lavatory basins, and sinks .. .. .	4
Tents, vans and sheds .. .. .	3
Dampness .. .. .	3
Water supplies .. .. .	40 samples.
Miscellaneous .. .. .	3

## PREMISES OR OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS OR REGULATIONS.

	No. in Dis- trict.	No. of visits in 1943.	No. of faults & defects found.	No. of faults & defects remedied.
Bakchouses .. .. .	1	1	0	0
Dairies. } Producers ..	13	41	4	4
	7			
Factories .. .. .	8	0	0	0
Workshops .. .. .	27	0	0	0



UNFOOD FOOD.

Approximately 26½ lbs. of food has been condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928

AND FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

I am indebted to Mr. W. R. Breed, County Inspector of Weights and Measures, for the following particulars of samples taken during the year

A total of 50 samples were taken in 1943.

Baking Powder	1	Lard	1
Butter	1	Margarine	2
Cocoa	2	New Milk	38
Coffee	1	Fish Paste	3
Meat Paste	1		

Cautions have been administered to one farmer and one milk retailer during the current year. Both cautions were in respect of deficiencies in milk fat.





# CAUSES OF AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1943.

Causes of Death.	Net deaths at the subjoined ages of 'Residents' whether occurring within or without the District.									
	MALES					FEMALES				
	At all ages.	Under 5 yrs.	5-15 years.	15-45 years.	45 & upwards.	At all ages.	Under 5 yrs.	5-15 years.	15-45 years.	45 & upwards.
1. Typhoid & parat: fevers .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Cerebro-spinal fever .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Scarlet Fever .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Whooping Cough .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Diphtheria .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
6. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System ....	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0
7. Other tuberculosis diseases .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Syphilitic diseases .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
9. Influenza .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Measles .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Ac. polio-myel: and polio-enceph .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Ac. Inf. encephalitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Cancer of b: cav: & oesoph (M) uterus (F) ...	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
14. Cancer of stomach & duodenum ....	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
15. Cancer of breast .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Cancer of all other sites .....	8	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	4
17. Diabetes .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions ...	5	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	1
19. Heart Disease .....	9	0	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	9
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system ...	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
21. Bronchitis .....	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1
22. Pneumonia .....	3	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1
23. Other respiratory diseases .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years) .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Appendicitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27. Other digestive diseases .....	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
28. Nephritis .....	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4
29. Puerperal & post-abortion sepsis .	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
30. Other maternal causes .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31. Premature birth .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
32. Con.mal. Birth injury, infant.dis.	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
33. Suicide .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
34. Road traffic accidents .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35. Other violent causes .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
36. All other causes .....	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3
All causes ...	40	2	0	2	36	36	6	0	4	26



INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR  
1943.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Notified.			Number Removed to Hospital.	Total Deaths Registered.
	Total.	Males.	Females.		
Smallpox .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria .. .. .	1	0	1	0	1
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	10	3	7	2	0
Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid) .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery .. .. .	1	1	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Malaria .. .. .	1	1	0	0	0
Erysipelas .. .. .	3	1	2	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia .. .. .	14	6	8	0	1
Meningococcal Meningitis .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
Measles .. .. .	296	140	156	0	0
Whooping Cough .. .. .	2	1	1	0	0
Totals .. .. .	328	153	175	7	2

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.  
1943.

Disease.	At ages - years.												
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1-2 years.	2-3 years.	3-4 years.	4-5 years.	5-10 years.	10-15 years.	15-20 years.	20-35 years.	35-45 years.	45-65 years.	65 & upwards.
Smallpox .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria .. .. .	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	10	0	0	1	2	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery .. .. .	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malaria .. .. .	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Erysipelas .. .. .	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia .. .. .	14	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	5	2
Meningococcal Meningitis .. .. .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles .. .. .	296	2	22	25	29	40	159	15	2	2	0	0	0
Whooping Cough .. .. .	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals .. .. .	328	4	22	27	32	42	163	19	3	7	1	6	2







PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

No action has been taken under Section 66 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Cases Notified	Cases Treated.		Vision Unimpaired.	Vision Impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths.
	At Home	In Hospital				
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis, Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary.

Age.			New Cases.				Deaths.			
			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 15 years	..	..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25 years	..	..	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35 years	..	..	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	-
35 to 45 years	..	..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 55 years	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 65 years	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	..		2	2	1	-	1	3	-	-

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Localisation of disease:-

Males.

Females.

Multiple small T.B. Glands.

Nil.

